GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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TRADE WITH MALAYSIA
Owaisi Shri Asaduddin

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether delegation of Government of India including representatives from APEDA and CII visited Malaysia recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Malasian Government has shown keen interest to invest in agriculture and food sectors in India particularly in the areas like export/import of advance agricultural technologies and agricultural produce; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and agreement signed in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. A CII Agriculture Mission comprising senior government officials and representative of CII and APEDA visited Malaysia from 13-15 July 2005.

(c) & (d) : Yes, Sir. Malaysian government, in particular, evinced interest in import of Basmati rice Malaysia also expressed keen interest in Indian expertise on Biotechnology applications for agriculture. While members of trade from Indian side had interaction with Malaysian distributors, no agreement was signed.